

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

My Dear Colleagues and Friends:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I bring you this issue of the *JSDA*. This issue is devoted to matters pertaining to political economy, growth and welfare implications of full market pricing, policy implementation to guide sustainable development, small and medium enterprises policy, the challenges of good governance, sustainable agriculture development and concerns over the provision of security and arms proliferation. These matters are central in the modern day examination of how to guide the economic growth of African communities in an ever changing and globalizing world.

The authors' approaches have taken into consideration practical as well as the evolving theoretical aspects of sustainable development. As African societies begin to take advantage of the expanding global markets, it is quite apparent that the lack of security is a major concern for the governments of African countries. The governments have to develop policies to address the growing crime problems and provide an environment that will continue to attract foreign as well as domestic investments. The articles have taken into consideration many aspects of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Africa's rural and urban places are experiencing growth in agricultural and commercial activities respectively and it behooves the governments (at all levels of the government) with the foreign interest groups such as the multinational corporations (MNCs) to invest in these places so as to enable smart growth to occur. This requires an active private sector that is directed by sound policy environment to enable corporations to engage in sustainable development. Capacity building through sound training and education is an integral part of sustainable development. The papers in this issue wrestle with the ideas put forward in this letter.

I thank the *JSDA* readership for its continued support.

Sincerely,

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